**CHAPTER NO. 256** 

**HOUSE BILL NO. 442** 

By Representatives Fowlkes, Lois DeBerry, Sherry Jones, Montgomery, Russell Johnson, Coleman

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1772

By Senators Person, Burks, Crutchfield

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-412, relative to child abuse reporting.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-412(b), is amended by deleting the language "the fine limited to fifty dollars (\$50.00)" and by substituting instead the language "a fine not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2500)".

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 16, 2005

DIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2005

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR